

2018 AWARDS



KAVOUSSI FAMILY OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

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SUHEIL J. MUASHER, M.D.

This award honors an ASRM member who is recognized as an outstanding educator in undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate, professional, or patient education in basic and/or clinical reproductive biology and medicine.

Suheil J. Muasher, M.D. has been recognized nationally for his excellence in teaching. He received his undergraduate and medical training at the American University in Beirut prior to completing his obstetrics and gynecology residency at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center and his fellowship training

at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and at the Jones Institute of Eastern Virginia Medical School. After his 20-year affiliation with the Jones Institute, he became a clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., as well as at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. He is currently a professor and the Director of Graduate Learning and Academic Development in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University.

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Muasher has trained more than 75 fellows in reproductive endocrinology and infertility (REI). Numerous medical students, residents, and fellows have experienced his leadership in academic medicine and have not only gained the fundamental basis needed to develop a depth of knowledge but have subsequently been trained and recruited by leading institutions both nationally and internationally. He was granted the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology (CREOG) award for teaching four times. Dr. Muasher has published nearly 200 peer-reviewed papers and 15 book chapters, several of which are among the most highly cited and read in reproductive medicine literature. Most of the publications have involved tutoring and mentoring fellows and residents in the conduct of research, interpretation of data, and writing of manuscripts.

His past trainees have described his teaching style as one that encourages excitement, a collegial atmosphere, and the desire to study further. He is seen as a model clinician whose style teaches to challenge the status quo and can be mimicked in counseling patients. His teaching abilities are surpassed by his personal investment in his trainees, as well as the field of reproductive medicine. In 2010, he endowed the Suheil J. Muasher Service Award given annually at the ASRM Scientific Congress. He also was instrumental in the endowment of the Howard and Georgeanna Jones Institute Symposium on Advanced Reproductive Technology that annually presents cutting-edge lectures in assisted reproductive technologies at the ASRM Scientific Congress. In 2013, Dr. Muasher and his wife established the Suheil and Lisa Muasher award at Duke University. This award is given to the best second-year resident rotating through the division of REI to provide funds for the resident to attend the ASRM Scientific Congress. Dr. Muasher exemplifies the values that the Kavoussi family envisioned for the recipients of this prestigious award.